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SUBJ: CCD ENLARGEMENT

REF: GENEVA 5129 (NOTAL)

1. WE WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT, AND OF OTHER
ADDRESSEES, TO PASSAGE IN AUGUST 8 CCD
PLENARY STATEMENT BY MEXICAN AMBASSADOR GARCIA ROBLES
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CONCERNING CCD ENLARGEMENT ISSUE. AS REPORTED REFTEL,

AMBASSADOR GARCIA ROBLES SAID THAT HE HOPED ENLARGEMENT OF CCD, WHICH WOULD DOUBTLESS BE SETTLED BY 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WOULD RESULT IN MAKING COMMITTEE MORE EFFECTIVE AND THAT FOR THIS TO HAPPEN IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH THE COMMITTEE'S REORGANIZATION AT THE SAME TIME AS ITS ENLARGEMENT.

2. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR GARCIA ROBLES HAS LONG BEEN ON RECORD AS FAVORING REORGANIZATION OF CCD, BUT HIS REMARKS AT AUGUST 8 PLENARY ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AND CONCERN IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED CONCERNING THE AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP (GENEVA 5099). IN HIS STATEMENT, GARCIA ROBLES DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REITERATE WHAT FORM OF REORGANIZATION HE HAS IN MIND, BUT IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD INCLUDE THE ELIMINATION OF THE US/USSR CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

3. THIS WAS GARCIA'S FIRST APPEARANCE AT THE CCD THIS SESSION; HE ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK LAST WEEKEND. HE ATTENDED A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, BUT DID NOT RAISE THE ISSUE OF REORGANIZATION AT THAT TIME. APART FROM THE MEXICANS, THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE ALSO REMAINED INTERESTED IN REORGANIZING THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENLARGEMENT, BUT AS REPORTED IN GENEVA 4842, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP HAVE NOT EVIDENCED ANY SERIOUS INTEREST IN SUCH A MOVE AT THIS TIME. MOREOVER, IN PLENARY STATEMENTS SOME HAVE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT UNDERTAKING A REORGANIZATION. ARGENTINE DEL IN PARTICULAR IS STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO TRY TO REORGANIZE THE COMMITTEE IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SIGN THAT THE CHINESE AND FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE.

4. WE ESTIMATE, THEREFORE, THAT IN THE SHORT TIME REMAINING IN THIS CCD SESSION, GARCIA ROBLES WILL PROBABLY NOT GO BEYOND TRYING TO INCORPORATE SOME CITATION OF HIS VIEWS ON REORGANIZATION IN THAT PART OF THE CCD'S YEARLY REPORT THAT WOULD DEAL WITH ENLARGEMENT. IF HE IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE THE ISSUE, WE THINK HE IS MOST LIKELY TO CHOOSE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS HIS PRINCIPAL FORUM. WHILE GARCIA ROBLES MIGHT

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OF COURSE PRESS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S REORGANIZATION EVEN IF A CCD CONSENSUS ON SLATE OF NEW MEMBERS GOES UNCHALLENGED BY UNGA, HIS IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO DO SO IF QUESTION OF ENLARGEMENT STILL AT ISSUE, EITHER BECAUSE AUSTRALIANS CHALLENGE SLATE FROM WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED OR BECAUSE OTHER STATES FIND SLATE INADEQUATE. DALE

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